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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/081,090
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First Named Inventor	Najmuddin
Group Art Unit	2863
Examiner Name	V. Taylor
Attorney Docket Number	94.0048 (GEOA,157/US)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply 07/14/2004 SSESHE1 00000060 10081090 01 FC:1801 770.00 0P
  - ii.  Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned for Failure to Notify (37 C.F.R. 1.137(f))
  - iii.  Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with copies of three (3) references
  - iv.  Other: copy of International Search Report from International Application PCT/US03/03077.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months, fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).
- b.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0965 (GEOA,157/US):
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other: any deficiency in the enclosed Form PTO-2038 and/or any fee for an extension of time necessary to insure consideration of the enclosed amendment/reply.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00 enclosed.
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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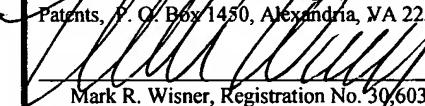


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**FOR DETECTING** §  
**FRACTURES USING** §  
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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently with this Third Preliminary Amendment, and it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered before examination of the captioned continued examination application. Please return the enclosed self-addressed, postage-paid postcard, with the date stamp of the Office stamped thereon, to acknowledge receipt of this Third Preliminary Amendment and all other documents enclosed herewith.